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(PCT Rule 61.2)

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International application No. PCT/US00/26060	Applicant's or agent's file reference RCA 89826
International filing date (day/month/year) 22 September 2000 (22.09.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 28 September 1999 (28.09.99)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
 04 April 2001 (04.04.01)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference RCA 89826	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/26060	International filing date (day/month/year) 22/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 28/09/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04L12/00		
Applicant THOMSON LICENSING S.A. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
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- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 04/04/2001	Date of completion of this report 08.01.2002
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International application No. PCT/US00/26060

I. Basis of the report

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Description, pages:

1-15 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-5 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

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- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-5
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-5
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-5
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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R I t m V

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Reference is made to the following documents:

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1. Independent claim 1.

It is considered that independent claim 1 (method) relates to new and inventive subject-matter (Articles 33 (2) and (3) PCT), since the prior art does not disclose or suggest the specifically claimed method for initializing a simple network management protocol v3 device according to claim 1.

Document D1 deals with an implementation model of SNMPv3 that keeps the simplicity of SNMPv1, while at the same time making it possible to evolve the framework to address different security needs and different configurations. This goal is achieved by using a modular approach.

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Claim 1 of the present invention discloses a method that allows an operator to securely enter the initial SNMPv3 privacy and authentication keys into a SNMPv3 device and cause the device to enter in SNMPv3 mode. A SNMPv3 agent in the SNMPv3 device and a SNMPv3 manager compute a shared secret using the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol. The shared secret is converted into a readable password and the password is then converted into a secret key. The initial authentication key and the initial privacy key are setted to the value of the secret key.

2. Dependent claims 2 to 5.

Dependent claims 2 to 5 contain further details of the method of claim 1. As they are dependent on claim 1, they also satisfy the requirements for novelty and inventive step (Article 33 (2) and (3) PCT).

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

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3. The last step in the characterising part of claim 1 "setting an initial authentication key and an initial privacy key ..." must be read "setting the initial authentication key and the initial privacy key ...".

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/US 00/ 26060	International filing date (day/month/year) 22/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 28/09/1999
Applicant THOMSON LICENSING S.A. et al.		

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This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US 00/26060

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 H04L29/06 H04L12/24

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 IPC 7 H04L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, IBM-TDB, INSPEC, COMPENDEX

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>CHERKAQUI O ; RICO N ; SERHROUCHNI A : "SNMPv3 can still be simple? " PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH IFIP/IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTEGRATED NETWORK MANAGEMENT, 24 - 29 May 1999, pages 501-515, XP002163742 Boston, MA, USA abstract page 505, line 7-20 paragraph '04.5! paragraph '0005!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--- -/--</p>	1-5

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
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A	<p>GRIMM R ET AL: "Security policies in OSI-management experiences from the DeTeBerkom project BMSec"</p> <p>COMPUTER NETWORKS AND ISDN SYSTEMS,NL,NORTH HOLLAND PUBLISHING. AMSTERDAM,</p> <p>vol. 28, no. 4,</p> <p>1 February 1996 (1996-02-01), pages 499-511, XP004002982</p> <p>ISSN: 0169-7552</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>----</p>	1-5
A	<p>SELLIN R: "FORTSETZUNG EINER ERFOLGSSTORY. ARCHITEKTUR UND FUNKTIONALITAET VON SNMP VERSION 3"</p> <p>NET - ZEITSCHRIFT FUER KOMMUNIKATIONS MANAGEMENT,DE,HUTHIG VERLAG, HEILDERBERG,</p> <p>vol. 53, no. 5, 1999, pages 56-61, XP000831013</p> <p>ISSN: 0947-4765</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>-----</p>	1-5

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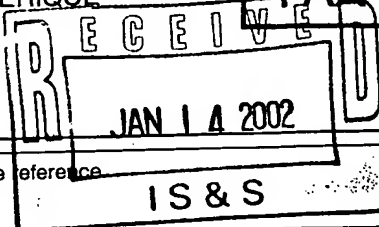
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28/09/1999

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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International application No. PCT/US00/26060

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	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-5
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-5
	No:	Claims

**2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

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2. Dependent claims 2 to 5.

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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☐ Non of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04L29/06 H04L 24

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 H04L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)
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